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Mothers Beware!

by D. A. Atkins

I have been asked by a Department of Public Works (DPW) employee to pass along the following information.

It seems that, when the DPW trucks, lawn mowers, and other pieces of equipment are out working, the drivers have a very serious problem with children in the work area. It's not that the kids are causing any sort of trouble; the drivers are concerned that the kids' curiosity could cause one of them to get hurt very badly.

The gentleman who talked to me happened to be a mower operator. He informed me that, when these mowers are cutting grass or weeds, debris (rocks and cans, for instance) often becomes caught up in the mower. These objects get thrown great distances, at a speed great enough to make them dangerous missiles that could harm, or even kill, anyone in their range.

The DPW employee said that the children involved are often very small and, when he tries to tell them not to get close to the tractor, they ignore him. To make matters worse, the childrens' mothers often won't cooperate, either. He said that, many times, the childrens' mothers are there with the kids while he is cutting grass but, even though they see what their children are doing, they won't make them stay away from the mowers. He is afraid that, someday, one of these children will get hit by some flying object and be killed.

If you see or know of your children playing near a piece of DPW equipment, please make them stay away. You could lose a child because of a lack of discipline on your part. □

Teen Health Meeting

The next meeting of the Romulus Adolescent Health Advisory Committee is Thursday, August 25, at 2:30 p.m. at the Romulus Community Schools Administrative Office Building, 36540 Grant Road. The meeting is open to the public. Please call 941-1600, extension 23, for more information. □



Wayne Road Is Being WIDENED



The much-needed and sought-after widening and re-surfacing of Wayne Road has begun. The project is to include the re-surfacing of Wayne Road from Goddard to the I-94 exit, and then from there to Wick Road. At first report, Wayne Road was to be widened to five lanes, with the center lane to be used as a left-turn lane, but now rumor has it that the road will only be widened to four lanes.

Why there has been a change in the number of lanes planned is not known; however, it seems obvious to me that five lanes are greatly needed in that area because the I-94 exit and the high school are located there. During school months, in the early-morning hours and around 3 p.m., the traffic gets very heavy because of the school buses and the cars of the students and teachers coming and going from the school grounds.

The heavy truck traffic on Wayne doesn't help matters much, either. It seems to me that there are more and more trucks on that road lately — especially in the last two years.

The area under I-94 probably needs resurfacing worse than any other area in the City. There have been many cars

that have been damaged from the pot-holes in the road there — tires blown out, mufflers popped off, and any number of other things that can happen to a car because of bad road surfaces. It is almost impossible to widen Wayne Road under I-94 because of the railroad tracks and the overpass, and that is really too bad because, with the flow of traffic expected in that area in the next few years, it will create a bottleneck unless someone comes up with an alternative to Wayne Road. And maybe that is just what is going to happen, with the new exchange that is projected at Vining Road and I-94.

Presently, we have a lot of traffic coming from the Airport going north on Wayne, and that is traffic that has increased greatly in the last year. If the new runways they are talking about for the Airport do, in fact, develop, then Wayne Road south of Goddard would probably be eliminated (at least a great portion of it), which would only create more traffic on Wayne Road North.

Expansion is not always easy to deal with. Romulus is definitely expanding and spreading its wings, and there will be many troubles and trials as the years go on and more people move into the City. Along with the talk about

the expansion of Wayne Road, the interchange at Vining, and new Airport runways, there are also rumors about more housing (probably single-family dwellings) being built in our city. That means more people, more kids in our schools, and more roads being built or widened.

The best thing to do is just wait and see what really happens. Some of the projects on the drawing board are going to require at least 10 to 15 years to complete. When they are finished, great things will be happening. Until then, great things will still be happening — we will just have to learn how to handle the problems that come with growing pains.

Re-surfacing and widening Wayne Road has been a project of the Administration for some time now, and it is finally coming about after being long overdue.

After the work on Wayne Road has been completed, a stretch of sidewalk will be put in front of the senior high — another improvement that has been needed for a long while. □

THE EDITOR'S OPINION



In My Opinion Should We Require CTs To Graduate?

by D. A. Atkins

According to Dr. Bedell, Romulus Schools Superintendent, there is a lot of controversy over some of the suggestions being presented to the School Board. I am going to attempt to clarify these issues for you to the best of my understanding at this writing.

First of all, there is a lot of talk about lowering the number of credits required to graduate from the current figure of 23 credits to either 22 or 21. When I graduated from Romulus High School, the requirement was 16. Now, that does not mean that the people who graduated with 16 credits are less educated than those who earned 23; they have simply changed the method used to compute the total. The educations are still more or less equivalent.

The reason for wanting a reduction in the number of credits required to graduate, according to Dr. Bedell, is that most of the school districts in the State require only 21 or 22 credits, which means that Romulus requires one or two more than most districts. Dr. Bedell says that this change simply would be an attempt to bring our school system into line with the rest of the districts in the State.

The second controversy concerns whether or not the successful passing of a Competency Test (CT) should be an additional requirement for high school graduation.

At first glance, this may not seem to be a fair thing to do to a person who has put in his four years and is looking ahead to the possibility of attending college. Yet, what is the difference between taking a final exam at the end of a class to determine how much you have learned in that particular subject,

and taking a CT at the end of your high school career to determine how much you have learned overall? As far as I can see, there is no difference.

Once you have completed your schooling and have passed everything with a 'C' or 'D' average, have you really mastered math, reading, and writing well enough to tackle this highly competitive world we live in today? 'Reading, wRiting, and aRithmetic' are possibly the three most-important things that we all need to learn, whether we are planning to attend college or not. This country actually was founded on, and prospered because of, the 'three Rs,' but, in recent years, it seems that these basic skills have taken a back seat to pool games, soccer, Nintendo, and various other non-educational activities that presently are being conducted in our schools.

The reasoning behind the aforementioned activities is that, if a person is not doing well in school, we should provide him with an incentive. Supposedly, any one of these activities will interest students and, therefore, help motivate them to keep up their studies and get at least passing grades. In other words, forget learning what is taught for the reward of being literate; rather, learn how to play games. That should really help them get along in today's world.

Don't get me wrong: kids played games when I was in school, too. The difference, however, is that we played them during recess, at lunch, in gym, or after school. Today, we pay teachers a full salary to watch our young people put forth, during regular school hours, a little effort — not in the direction of their educational needs, but toward playing some silly game, instead. This is a waste of the time that should be spent acquiring basic academic skills.

If a student desires a *real* education, then he should be afforded every opportunity to obtain one. On the other hand, those who would rather play in class, take their dope, write love notes, stay in bed, skip school, and 'rod around town — those, in other words, who simply refuse to make something of themselves — should not be allowed to waste the time of the teachers and disrupt those willing to learn. Let those students be expelled from school, and the burden of what is sure to come fall on their parents' shoulders.

I feel there should definitely be more discipline in our schools, but we must also acknowledge that discipline needs to start at the foundation of everything — the home.

Teachers do not like to baby-sit students, especially those who are not willing to learn. Parents don't like to baby-sit either. That is why we have so much trouble in our schools, and in society in general.

Many of the problems that students face stem from peer pressure. Regard-

less of how well you try to raise your children, some of them might still have a problem because being educated is not 'cool.' The results of the teen survey that appeared in the last issue of *The Romulus News* seem to indicate that some students are devoting more time to getting pregnant and becoming parents than to getting an education. Little do they realize (but if they paid more attention to their studies and less to the detrimental influences of their peers, they probably *would* realize) that getting pregnant can put them into a corner that it is difficult to back out of — a corner that many 'kids who have kids' find themselves in after it's too late.

Not only do I feel that a CT should be required for graduation, I also think that a test should be given at the end of each semester. If the score is not high enough to indicate that the skills taught in class have been sufficiently mastered, then the student should be required to remain at that level until he has learned them well. That is, however, only my opinion.

The following is a summary of the findings and recommendations of the Romulus Community Schools' Testing

Committee, which began meeting in the winter of 1987-88 to examine the question of using competency tests as an indicator of student achievement. More detailed information is available through the School Board. All you have to do is take the time to go ask for it.

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Kosteva Still Trying to Keep Branch Open

In his continued efforts to keep the Romulus branch of the Secretary of State's office open, 37th District Representative James Kosteva submitted the following letter to Dennis Neuner, Deputy Secretary of State.

Dear Dennis:

As the House and Senate prepare to vote on HB 5453, the General Government budget, I notice with interest several increases in the Secretary of State's portion of this budget. I remain interested in the final passage of this budget and how it will impact the Secretary of State branch office at 36539 Goddard Road in Romulus.

The original recommendation for the Secretary of State's budget was roughly \$9 million and the final figure approved by the conferees is \$16 million. You indicated at one time that generally, if the entire Secretary of State budget was increased, branch office operations would likely remain at their current levels. It would logically follow, then, that this \$7 million increase would allow operations at the Romulus branch office to remain status quo.

As I understand it, some of this increase will be applied to rent for Secretary of State branch offices, including new part-time operations in White Lake and Croswell. While these communities are in rural areas and the patrons there would be inconvenienced to travel great distances to get to a branch office, this inconvenience is no greater than that faced by Romulus senior citizens travelling to another branch if the Romulus branch was forced to close its doors.

On behalf of the concerned citizens of Romulus, I am requesting a status report on the closure of the Romulus branch office upon final approval of HB 5453.

Sincerely yours,
James A. Kosteva
State Representative

We at *The Romulus News* commend Representative Kosteva on his conscientious pursuit of the interests of Romulus citizens. □

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The Importance of Potassium

This reprint from Biomedical Information Corporation's Compendium of Patient Information was submitted by J. H. Barden, D.O.

Potassium is a natural mineral that is found in the human body and in a wide variety of foods. It is one of the essential substances needed to maintain the body's internal balance of fluids and chemicals. Any marked change in the concentration and content of water and chemicals within the body leads to drastic changes that alter our ability to function normally.

The Role of Potassium

Potassium, like sodium, is necessary to human life. The human body requires about equal amounts of both sodium and potassium. The typical American diet, however, provides much more sodium than is needed and about the right amount of potassium. Potassium is found in fruits, vegetables, meats, dairy products, and other foods. In addition, salt substitutes usually contain potassium instead of sodium.

Because potassium is found in sufficient amounts in the average diet, a true dietary deficiency of the mineral is very rare. However, hypokalemia, a deficiency of potassium in the blood, may occur under a number of specific circumstances unrelated to diet. Certain drugs, especially some of the diuretics, or "water pills," used to treat high blood pressure, frequently lead to reduced levels of potassium. The most common cause of potassium deficiency in children is severe or prolonged diarrhea. Laxative abuse may also cause substantial potassium losses from the body.

Signs of potassium deficiency include lethargy, muscle weakness, leg cramps, irritability, drowsiness, depression, mental confusion, loss of appetite, nausea, and irregular heartbeats. Potassium supplements may be recommended to prevent serious problems, especially if the deficiency is likely to continue, as might be the case for persons taking certain types of diuretics for high blood pressure.

Importance of Balance

Just as too little potassium can have serious consequences, too much potassium in the circulation can also lead to complications. If the kidneys and circulatory system are functioning properly, it is almost impossible to produce a dangerously high level of potassium in the blood through diet alone. However, high potassium levels may develop in persons taking prescribed potassium supplements. Therefore, dosage instructions must be followed exactly. If potassium levels become too high, they must be reduced to avoid the possibility of more serious problems.

Sources of Potassium

The Recommended Daily Allowance of potassium for adults is approximately two to six grams per day, depending on body weight. The average American adult consumes four and one-half grams of potassium daily, which is well within these suggested guidelines. The best dietary sources of potassium are bananas, orange juice, raisins and other dried fruits, meats, peanut butter, bran, potatoes, and dried peas and beans. (See the accompanying table for more specific amounts.) Cocoa and coffee also contain significant amounts of potassium.

Treatment of Potassium Depletion

An estimated two million Americans take potassium supplements regularly. Most are people with high blood pressure whose potassium levels are lowered by their antihypertensive medicines. In many instances, increased consumption of potassium-rich foods, a reduction in the amount of sodium (mainly table salt), and possibly the use of a salt substitute are all that is required to raise potassium levels. Other individuals, however, need additional potassium in the form of prescription supplements. This is a determination that must be made by a physician.

Summing Up

Potassium is an essential mineral that is found in a variety of foods. The

average healthy person consumes adequate amounts of potassium through his or her daily diet. However, a number of diseases and other circumstances, including the use of certain drugs, may upset the body's natural balance of fluids and chemicals and can lead to a potassium imbalance. Unless corrected, this imbalance can have serious consequences. □

FOODS RICH IN POTASSIUM

Food	Portion	Potassium (mg)
Apricots, dried	10 large halves	470
Apricots, raw	3 medium	301
Avocado	1/2	680
Banana	1 large	503
Beef, lean, round	3 oz.	298
Bran flakes	1 cup	137
Cantaloupe	1/2 of a 5-in melon	682
Cocoa, dried	2 tbsp.	164
Coffee	6 fl. oz.	65
Dates, pitted	10 medium	518
Figs, raw	1 large	126
Ham, cured	3 oz.	199
Lentils, dried	1/4 cup	375
Lima beans, frozen	3/4 cup	543
Orange	1 medium	263
Orange juice, fresh	1 cup	496
Peaches, dried	10 large halves	1378
Peanut butter	1 tbsp.	100
Peas, dried	1/2 cup	1,005
Potato	1 baked	782
Prunes, dried, uncooked	10 medium	448
Radishes, raw	10 medium	145
Raisins	1/2 cup	553
Salmon, pink, canned	3 oz.	425
Sardines, canned	3 oz.	477
Spinach, raw	1 cup	259
Tomato, raw	1 medium	300
Tomato juice	6 fl. oz.	413
Tuna, canned	3 1/2 oz.	276
Turkey	3 oz.	312

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Parent Survey Results

This is the second of two parts of a report, based on survey results, that was submitted by the Romulus Adolescent Health Advisory Committee. The information presented in this segment was obtained from a survey of parents; the previous part, which appeared in the July 13 issue of The Romulus News, reported the results of a student survey.

In mid March of 1988, a survey was mailed to every parent of an enrolled student in the sixth to twelfth grades in the Romulus Community School District. This resulted in a mailing to 2,034 homes. Five hundred fifty-five (555) parents, or 27%, returned their surveys. This is an excellent rate of return (an average return on mailed surveys is approximately 10%), and far exceeded the expectations of the Romulus Adolescent Health Advisory Committee. The Committee feels the return reflects a high level of parental concern for the health of Romulus adolescents and a desire for assistance. All parents of the target group of adolescents (junior and senior high school) were included in the survey, as were parents of sixth graders. This kind of response to a program started through the schools has not been seen before in the community and seems to show a high level of interest.

The report indicates that the vast majority of parents (87%) feel that their teens have "good" or "excellent" health. Yet even these parents, when asked what were their major concerns for their own teenager's health, indicated a number of these items:

- 49% indicated peer pressure was a problem;
- 45% said dental care;
- 41% said use of alcohol and/or drugs was a problem;
- 32% said smoking cigarettes;
- 43% indicated their teen's feelings about themselves;
- 39% said regular health checkups;

- 36% said depression, sadness and stress were problems for their own teenagers;
- 36% said vision/hearing testing and follow-up was a concern;
- 32% of parents said sexually transmitted disease was a concern of theirs;
- 27% cited weight control and nutrition;
- 23% mentioned problems at home.

Eleven parents mentioned other health concerns for their teenager, including allergies, high blood pressure, kidney problems and suicide prevention.

It is reassuring to know that 73% of parents felt that their teen did see a doctor when needed; however, 27% of parents indicated their child didn't get medical care for a variety of reasons:

- 11% said they didn't have the money to pay;
- 9% said their teen didn't want to miss school;
- 7% said the clinic hours weren't convenient;
- 6% said their teen refused to go;
- 5% said they (the parent) could not miss work;
- 4% said there was no transportation available.

Parents were asked for their opinion about whether there ought to be a full-service teen health center in or near the Romulus Schools. Ninety-one percent (91%) of the parents indicated they'd like to see such a center in or near the school (66% in school; 34% nearby). Fifty-one parents (9%) indicated, when asked directly, that they did not want a full-service teen health center in or near the schools.

When asked what services they'd like to see provided, the following responses were given:

- 75% wanted counseling for personal problems;
- 74% wanted alcohol/drug counseling and programs;
- 69% wanted help for teens in coping with peer pressure;
- 68% wanted school and sports physicals offered;

- 62% wanted to see birth control information provided;
- 59% wanted sexuality counseling;
- 58% wanted birth control counseling provided;
- 53% wanted immunizations to be provided;
- 52% wanted testing and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases to be provided;
- 52% wanted recreational programs as part of the services;
- 49% wanted help in dealing with death;
- 48% wanted weight control and nutrition services;
- 48% wanted treatment for minor illnesses and injuries;
- 47% wanted help in talking with their teen about health;
- 46% thought pregnancy detection and care should be part of the services developed;
- 45% thought sore throat, flu, etc., care should be provided;
- 44% would like acne and skin care to be included;
- 40% mentioned dental care;
- 39% would like to see birth control prescriptions provided;
- 38% wanted laboratory tests and screening;
- 26% thought prescriptions for medications were important.

Finally, 86 parents volunteered to participate in the planning of such services for Romulus adolescents. □

New Law Bans Pocket Pagers in Schools

"Now that we have a law regulating the presence of pocket pagers in schools, we can return our classrooms to their original purpose — educating our young people," said Senator William Faust (D-Westland). Senate Bill 822, sponsored by Faust, was signed into law recently by Governor Blanchard.

The new law, PA 215, prohibits students in grades K-12 from carrying any

portable electronic communication device in school except for medical purposes. School boards now have the authority to ban the devices, set penalties for violations of the ban, and make exceptions to the ban in certain situations.

Faust pointed out that, frequently, a pocket pager carried by a student is used for drug dealing rather than legitimate purposes. "Teachers and school administrators now have the power to deal more effectively with drug dealers disrupting their classrooms," Faust said. □

Letter to the Editor

Dear Mr. Atkins:

I wish to express my appreciation for our telephone conversation on Tuesday, July 19, 1988, in which we clarified a number of incorrect statements in your article in *The Romulus News* of July 13, 1988, Volume 2, No. 1, and, in particular, reference to the fact that you state the government protects the Railroads and pays for approximately 87% of any improvements done by the Railroad.

I wish to emphasize that CSX Transportation is a Public Corporation listed on the New York Stock Exchange and we do not receive any subsidies from the Federal Government. Every improvement we have made in the New Boston-Romulus area has been at the total expense of CSX Transportation without any financial support being supplied by outside parties.

It is true, as I explained to you, that in regard to grade crossing protection, there is Federal money available which is allocated by the Federal Government each year to the states, broken down for various grade crossing protection projects, as Congress recognized many years ago that the grade crossing liability problem was caused by the increase in railroad traffic and not by railroad operation which had been in exis-

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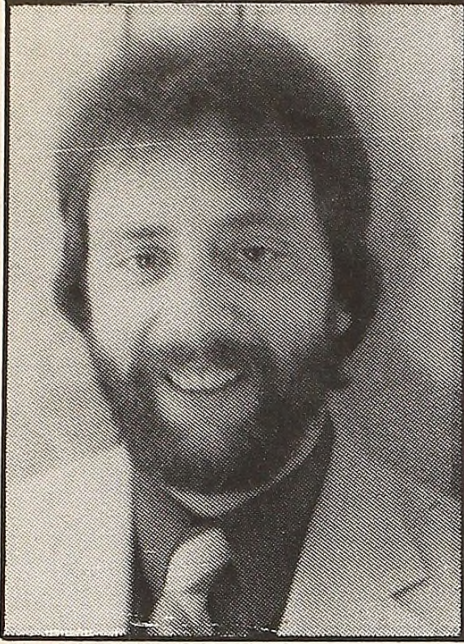
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by Murray A. Duncan, Jr., Attorney

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Q. Are pension benefits part of the marital estate?

A. Contributory and non-contributory employee retirement plans are part of the marital estate. Their benefits are subject to division in a divorce proceeding, provided the pension interest is vested.

If you have a legal question that you would like answered, you may send your question to my office and I will attempt to answer your question in this paper's next issue. Questions should be mailed to: Murray A. Duncan, Jr., 10000 South Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174. □

Locals Go to Dinner

by D. A. Atkins

Security Bank and Trust awarded a dinner to two local people — Dolores Witzgall, owner of the Polka-Dot Party Pantry near Five Points, and Doreen McEvilly, secretary to Romulus Schools Superintendent Dr. Bedell. Their names were drawn at random by the Bank for the prize of a luncheon with one of the Bank's executives, John Engler.

The luncheon was held in the Trenton office's executive dining room, where a short talk of welcome was presented. Mr. Engler also asked the guests if there was anything the Bank and its branches could do to better serve their customers. In general, the whole luncheon was to familiarize Mr. Engler with some of his depositors.

Dolores Witzgall won the centerpiece from the table, which she said was beautiful, and then she and Doreen went to the Bank's Romulus branch on Wayne Road and presented the centerpiece to Branch Manager Art Mapes.

Appetizers served included shrimp, wing dings, and various snacks, and the dinner featured filet mignon and orange roughly almondine. Neither Dolores nor Doreen is very much heavier from the adventure, but it is noticeable that they ate a little bit. □



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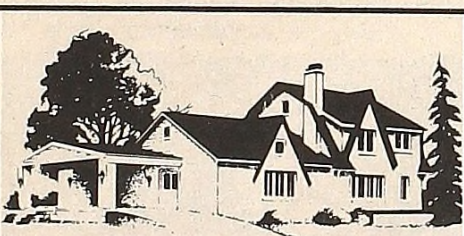
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Nationals Bound?

Six of the City's best softball players are currently playing on two softball teams that will be competing in the Midwest Regionals in Jainesville, Wisconsin, over the July 29 weekend. A first- or second-place finish in the Regionals will mean a trip to Marietta, Georgia, from August 11-14 to attend the National Junior Olympic Fastpitch Softball Tournament.

"In the six years I have been working with girls in the summer program, this is by far the best group of young ladies I have had," stated Coach Fred Coleman. "If we play good, sound defense in Wisconsin, there is no doubt that our offensive power will get us to Georgia."

The Taylor Sportsbench Team is made up of girls 15 years of age and younger who are drawn from Downriver schools. "We have three girls from Taylor, two from Trenton-Gibraltar, five from Allen Park, one Southgate player, and our four girls from Romulus," said Coleman. "These girls all have great ability and have formed a friendship as well as an excellent team for what usually is a fun and fantastic summer. You would think that the girls from each school would stick together at this age and have a very difficult time forming into a team. These girls sure defeat that theory. One of the greatest feelings I receive from working with this program is seeing the different girls from these schools forming new friendships with girls from other communities."

The team is currently 29-3, with tournament finishes of second place at the Compuware Classic, first place in the Ann Arbor Invitational, second place in the State Tournament, and a perfect 12-0 League Championship mark.

"These 15-and-under girls compete in an 18-and-under league, and have won the league three years in a row now as 13-, 14-, and 15-year-olds," Coleman added. "This shows their tremendous talent and desire to learn the game at a higher level. One of our goals is to place as many of these girls as possible into college programs on scholarships, and it is amazing how many college coaches are at our weekend tournaments, taking down names and ad-



resses for future reference. Ten of the 14 girls on our 18-and-under team are going to school and getting different amounts of money to play college softball, and it's summer-league competition that got these girls recognized by their coaches."

The four Romulus girls on the 15-and-under team going to Wisconsin are Jennifer Daniel, Michele Scarrow, Angie Slawinski, and Andrea Young. Jennifer, Michele, and Angie all played Varsity Softball as freshmen this year, and Andrea is destined to be a Varsity player next year as a freshman coming from the Junior High program.

Michele Scarrow, who was second in hitting to senior Kim Lyles this spring on the 19-11 Eagles team, is continuing her outstanding hitting this summer, batting .467 with 32 runs batted in (RBI), and is leading the team in nine hitting categories. "Michele is probably the best hitter I have had an opportunity to work with. When she gets in the batter's box, she almost dares the pitcher to throw her a strike — and when they do, Michele usually makes them pay the price for doing it," said Coleman.

Jennifer Daniel is a pitcher/shortstop on this team and, because of her outstanding speed, is among the team leaders in runs scored and run production. Said Coleman, "Jen is a great high school pitcher, and will probably break most of Romulus's pitching records for Coach Bill Cuhran. She is doing a fine job for us this summer with a 4-0 record, 34 strikeouts, and an

earned run average (ERA) of 1.16, but she may be the finest 15-year-old shortstop in Metro Detroit, and that is where she excels for this team. She has made some plays this summer that would make Alan Trammell proud. Her greatest compliment came from Wisconsin Coach Al Cummings when, after we had beaten his team, he called Jennifer and myself aside and told her that, in 14 years of coaching young female athletes, she was probably the best athlete he had seen at her age."

Angie Slawinski, although not a starter on this fine team, is helping out when given a chance. "Angie has excellent speed and is a great athlete on a team of great athletes," Coleman said, adding "Angie is about a year behind these girls for competing at this level, as most of the teams we play would beat probably 70% of high school varsity teams. She has progressed more this summer than probably anyone else on our team, and will, no doubt, contribute greatly to Cuhran's spring program and be a great player for us again next summer. She's a solid hitter and, if her defensive skills improve in the next few years, Angie has college-level potential just waiting to develop."

Andrea Young is the youngster of the team, at 14 years of age, but her ability is far beyond her age. Currently hitting .421 with 25 RBIs, Andrea has become a major contributor to Sportsbench's impressive 29-3 overall record. "Andrea suffered through a horrible summer season last year, batting only

.161 and making countless mental and physical mistakes," said Coleman, "but she learns well and, this year, has become a solid right fielder (throwing out eight batters at first base already this season), a fine back-up shortstop for Jennifer, and a tremendous threat in the batter's box. Andrea will be a major asset to Coach Cuhran's future, and you'll be reading a lot about her accomplishments in this sport in the future . . . you can count on that."

On July 29, Sportsbench begins its quest for a trip to the Nationals against the best teams from Michigan, Wisconsin and Northern Illinois and, with the help of these four Romulus girls, Coach Coleman feels he has a chance.

"I really think it is going to come down to us, Compuware (we have played them three times this year already, with a record of one win and two losses against them), and the host Jainesville team," he said. "Having lost to Compuware twice on unearned runs, we know we are going to have to play good, solid defense to move on to Georgia. This is a team of excellent college-potential athletes, as well as some of the nicest young ladies you will ever meet. If we play up to our capabilities for two days, no one will beat us, but funny things can happen in big tournaments. I just want the girls to do well and have fun and, with this group, fun is not going to be a problem."

Kim Lyles (headed for Grand Valley State) and Lisa McClure (also going to Grand Valley) are also competing for the Nationals on the Taylor Fastpitch 18-and-under team. Kim is leading the team in hitting and is a leader in run production on a fine 30-5 team coached by Mike Baum (son of Ed Baum, Romulus Athletic Director for many years). If these girls win in Jainesville, they move on to Lubbock, Texas, in August for their Nationals.

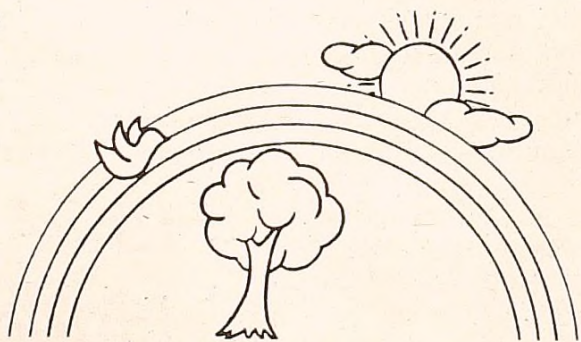
"Lisa is a spot player on an excellent team and should help Grand Valley in the fall," said Coach Baum. "She has good speed and is an excellent hitter and, with her and Kim going to their program, Grand Valley should be real pleased, and Romulus should be very proud to be sending them these two fine athletes and young ladies."

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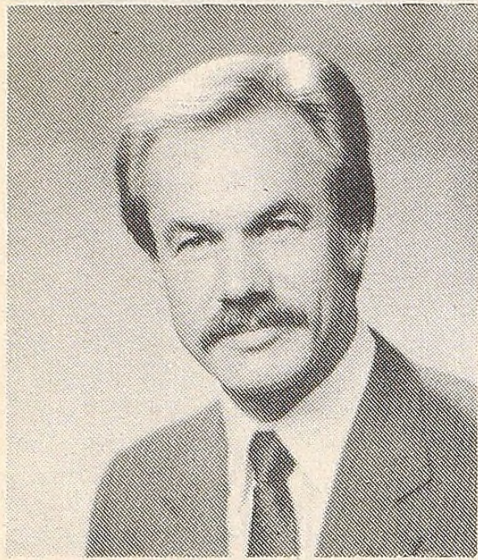


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KOSTEVA'S REPORT



James Kosteva, State Representative, 37th District

New Penalties Established for Animal Abandonment

Under Michigan law, it has been a misdemeanor offense to abandon a "hopelessly sick . . . or disabled" ani-

mal. A new state law expands these sanctions to include any animal in any condition. Proponents of the measure say the expanded penalties will help curb the inhumane practice of dumping unwanted pets in the country or on city streets, and will deter individuals from leaving an animal in a confined space without food, water or adequate shelter.

New Measures Facilitate State-Wide Banking

Beginning next month, banks in Michigan will be able to operate branch offices anywhere in the State. Michigan banking laws have mandated that bank branches had to be located within 25 miles of the main office, and prevented a bank from establishing a branch in a city where another bank was operating. These restrictions are eliminated by the new law.

House Votes for Increased Truck Safety Standard

A bill in the wide-ranging package

of truck safety measures that were recently passed by the House would require all trucks on Michigan roads to have an underride guard or bumper that is no more than 22 inches above the ground. Proponents of the requirement say it will prevent small cars from sliding underneath larger trucks during collisions.

New Law Requires Buses to Carry Fire Extinguishers

Under a new State law, buses in Michigan will be required to carry fire extinguishers. The law specifies what kind of extinguishing material will be required for different buses, depending on whether the vehicle is transporting passengers, hazardous or non-flammable substances, or combined loads.

New Law Relieves a Tax Burden for Disabled

A new law prohibits any Michigan city from collecting income tax from a non-resident who receives an income

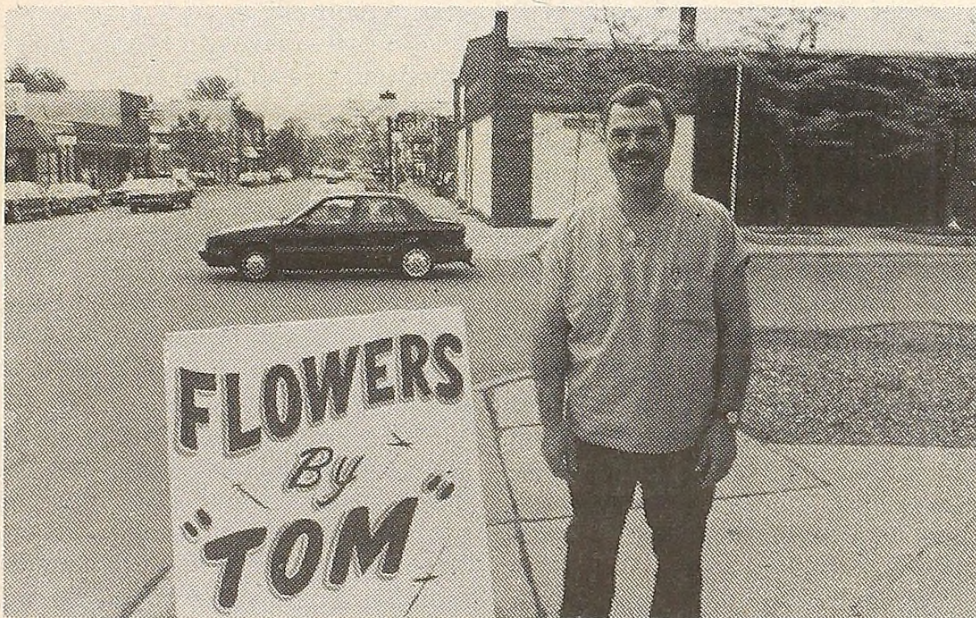
as the result of disability incurred in the city. The legislation was spurred by complaints from disabled workers who, even though they no longer lived in the city where they were hurt, were compelled to pay taxes on their disability income to that city.

Driving Offenses to be Reported

A new State law clarifies the procedures court clerks will use to report convictions of vehicle-related crimes to the Secretary of State. The new law also specifies what driving offenses must be reported to State officials, who use the information from the courts to determine if a convicted person's driver's license will be suspended or revoked.

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Little Things Can Drive You Crazy



by Tom Shamanski

It's now known stress and stressful occurrences can drive a person crazy. I read that someplace. This same article cited major surgery, loss of a job, severe financial difficulties, and loss of a loved one through death or divorce, as examples of such occurrences. With all due respect to the article's writer, I say bunk!

The 'biggies' in life, through various available means, can be coped with by most of us. Sometimes all it takes is the passage of time; sometimes much more. But, in reality, it's the little things in life that can drive you bonkers!

True . . . major surgery is certainly a frightening and stressful thing to undergo. However, there's a multitude of highly trained medical professionals to help you through this rough period. There are also many self-help groups throughout our communities. You can join one of these to ease you through the trauma of your particular problem.

But what about paper cuts? Yes, folks, simple paper cuts. A day doesn't pass that I'm not banging, cutting, or somehow bruising myself. (At times, I feel my true destiny is to keep Johnson & Johnson's BAND-AID Division in the black.) Granted, I'm talking small physical nuisances; but enough to drive you crazy each and every day.

Add to that the housefly that seems to delight in practicing his dive-bombing techniques in the middle of the night. Why is that darn fly always in *your* room? . . . And what the heck attracts him to *your* nose? The little things . . . crazy!

Losing your job; money problems that won't seem to quit. No doubt, these are serious problems. But, again, there is help to be found for these difficulties. Job counselors with job re-training are usually a phone call away. If things become totally unmanageable, a lawyer can help you declare bankruptcy. Surely

not a pleasant event, but the slate is wiped clean and you are given a fresh start.

But who helps you cope with shopping stress? You're in Kmart and you're in a rush. Grabbing the few items you need, you're on the fast-track to the express checkout. Unbelievably, no one else is in line. Greetings are exchanged with the clerk, and he begins to ring your purchases. The last item, a box of BAND-AIDS, is unmarked. Your heart cries out, "Oh no!"; the clerk cries out, "Price check on number nine!" At this point, you're ready to shell out fifty bucks for the blasted BAND-AIDS . . . just to get out of there! But . . . you wait. Ten minutes later, the clerk is handing you some change and apologizing for the delay. A little thing? A minor inconvenience? Sure, but enough to drive you further into La-La Land.

It's generally agreed the loss of a loved one is the most devastating event with which to cope. Fortunately, we can turn to one, or all, of many resources for help. There are therapists, clergy, friends, and family. Add to these a reliance on your God; some extremely painful, yet somehow soothing, crying times; plus the simple passage of time; and most of us will make it through our loss.

But who helps us with the faucet that stubbornly drips only at night? Or the slow leak of the left-rear tire on our car? . . . More crazy little things!

Of course, everything I've described thus far can't really be divided into big things and little things. They are all just things and events and all part of life, with some more meaningful than others. They happen to me, to you, to us all.

Not long ago, I experienced a couple of the more meaningful, stressful

events of life. I sought help from the right places and, after awhile, felt much better. But, perhaps, I was luckier than most. I found I had an invaluable inspiration, innocently instilled by my three-year-old daughter, Meredith. She was, and is, trusting, loving, unable to be sad for more than a few minutes; and she could make me laugh — laugh at myself and laugh at my problems.

Meredith and I were in a restaurant recently and had just ordered. I asked the waitress to keep an eye on her, as I wished to go to the restroom. I said to my little one, "Honey, you stay here and be a good girl. Daddy's going to the potty and will be right back." "Okay, Daddy," she smiled.

I set out to worm my way through the crowded room. Somewhere between the salad bar and the coat room, I heard a tiny, but firm, voice cry out, "Have a good potty, Daddy!" I turned and looked toward our table. Meredith was beaming at me and waving her little rubbery arm as fast as she could. Suddenly, nothing else mattered. I flashed her a big grin, waved, and firmly answered, "Thanks, Honey, I will!" Turning again toward the restroom, I laughed. Everything was fine. □

Have You Hugged Your Parents Today?

HERE'S TO YOUR HEALTH

Sciatica:

This reprint of the pamphlet entitled "Sciatica: Leg Pain" was submitted by Dan Elwart, D.C.

Sciatica

Because there is no other pain quite as severe as sciatica, it is almost impossible to make a comparison. Certainly anyone who has suffered through this type of extensive pain will agree that sciatica is one of life's most agonizing experiences. The worst toothache imaginable might compare slightly to the devastating pain of acute sciatica.

Sciatica Is . . . ?

A frequently misunderstood and underrated disease condition, sciatica is often mistakenly referred to as sciatic rheumatism. It can also be referred to as lumbago or simply a low-back or hip pain.

Sciatica is actually a painful inflammation of the sciatic nerve supplying the tissues of the thigh, lower leg, and foot, and is often caused by a pinching of one or more spinal nerve roots between spinal bones (vertebrae) of the lower back. Yes . . . vitamin deficiencies or arthritic inflammation in the lower spine can bring on a mild case of sciatica. Sciatic pain can be caused by: (a) prolonged constipation, which can build pressure on the nerve, (b) the development of a tumor in the area, which can also put pressure on the nerve, and (c) a herniated or 'slipped' disc, in the area where the nerve roots emerge in the low back, which may protrude and

press upon the nerve. However, these are all rare instances, and pinching of the nerve is by far the most frequent cause of sciatica.

Sciatic Nerve Most Vital

The sciatic nerve is the largest and longest nerve in the body; it is approximately two and one-half feet long, and is as big around as the thumb. The sciatic nerves number two: one courses down the right leg and the other down the left, the roots of the sciatic being in the lower spinal column. This is where trouble is more apt to occur. The importance of the sciatic nerve cannot be overstressed. It is the main communication line between the brain and the thigh, lower leg, foot and toes, and therefore is essential to good health. Any interference or irritation along its course can result in crippling pain.

Victim May Appear Healthy

In all other ways the sciatic victim may appear in perfect health, but could become a partial or total invalid because of the extensive pain. All else may be in perfect harmony: correct weight . . . perfect muscle development . . . heart, circulation, lungs and digestion . . . yet the pinching of certain spinal nerves between spinal bones could cause unceasing pain.

Sciatic Pain Is . . . ?

Sciatic pain is sharp and tearing. Shooting down the sciatic nerve, it extends into the hip, the thigh, and the back portion of the leg. It may tear into the ankle and foot. The pain may skip about from point to point, or may visit

all points at once. It may let up for an hour or even a day . . . or remain constant. It may strike agonizingly one minute, then be mild the next. Even strong pain-killing drugs offer little or no relief. There is no way that the sciatica victim can determine when the pain will either disappear or get worse.

Is Normal Life Possible?

It is almost impossible to live even a half-normal life because of the painful difficulties of standing, walking, sitting or driving a car . . . taking a deep breath, coughing or sneezing may magnify the pain a thousandfold. In desperation, the victim will sometimes lie down on his side in a curled position, hoping to get some rest, but he may never know a full night's sleep.

Weak Back

"I've had a weak back for years" is a commonly heard expression among sciatica victims. The pain starts at the low back level, and is often so mild that the sufferer cannot remember when the pain started.

Warning

The low back pain may be ignored or dismissed, but suddenly a slight wrong movement can turn a minor pain into a violent sciatica. Anything can cause this furious pain . . . lifting a weight, making a misstep, falling, or simply bending over. If considerable time is allowed to go by . . . usually until the pain becomes unbearable . . . treatment may become prolonged and complicated. Consequently, it is extremely important that any type of re-

curing back problem is corrected as soon as possible by the chiropractor.

Chronic Sciatica

It has been statistically shown that chronic sciatica occurs more often on the right side than on the left. Also, the pain becomes more intense in cold, damp weather. Such weather causes the leg muscles to tighten, thus increasing the irritation of the already-sore nerve, and the skin of the affected leg becomes cold, clammy and mottled. The calf muscle may waste away if this condition continues.

Can Chiropractic Help Sciatica?

Misaligned spinal bones rarely correct themselves spontaneously and permanently. Help for the sufferer lies in the experience, training and skill of the doctor of chiropractic. Rarely is surgery necessary.

Misaligned vertebrae are located by x-ray pictures and other diagnostic methods. Realizing that the patient needs relief as quickly as possible, the chiropractor aligns these vertebrae to relieve the nerve pressure. Without the use of pain-killing drugs, the patient is assured that when pain is relieved, the doctor is working on the underlying cause and not only the pain symptom. Stabilizing the bones in proper position takes time. When the vertebrae no longer pinch nerves, the cause of the sciatica or other condition has been corrected. □

Visiting America

by Montse Baraza

Since I was very young I have dreamed of coming to America, and now my dream has come true.

My name is Montse Baraza, and I am seventeen years old. I am an exchange student from Barcelona, Spain. Barcelona is the cultural and commercial center of Spain. It is the city chosen for the 1992 Olympic Games.

Next year I will be a senior student. After I graduate I plan to study Journalism at a university, so now I am happy to have the opportunity to write for an American newspaper.

I arrived here on July 5th, and I will return to Spain on August 1st.

I am spending this month of sum-

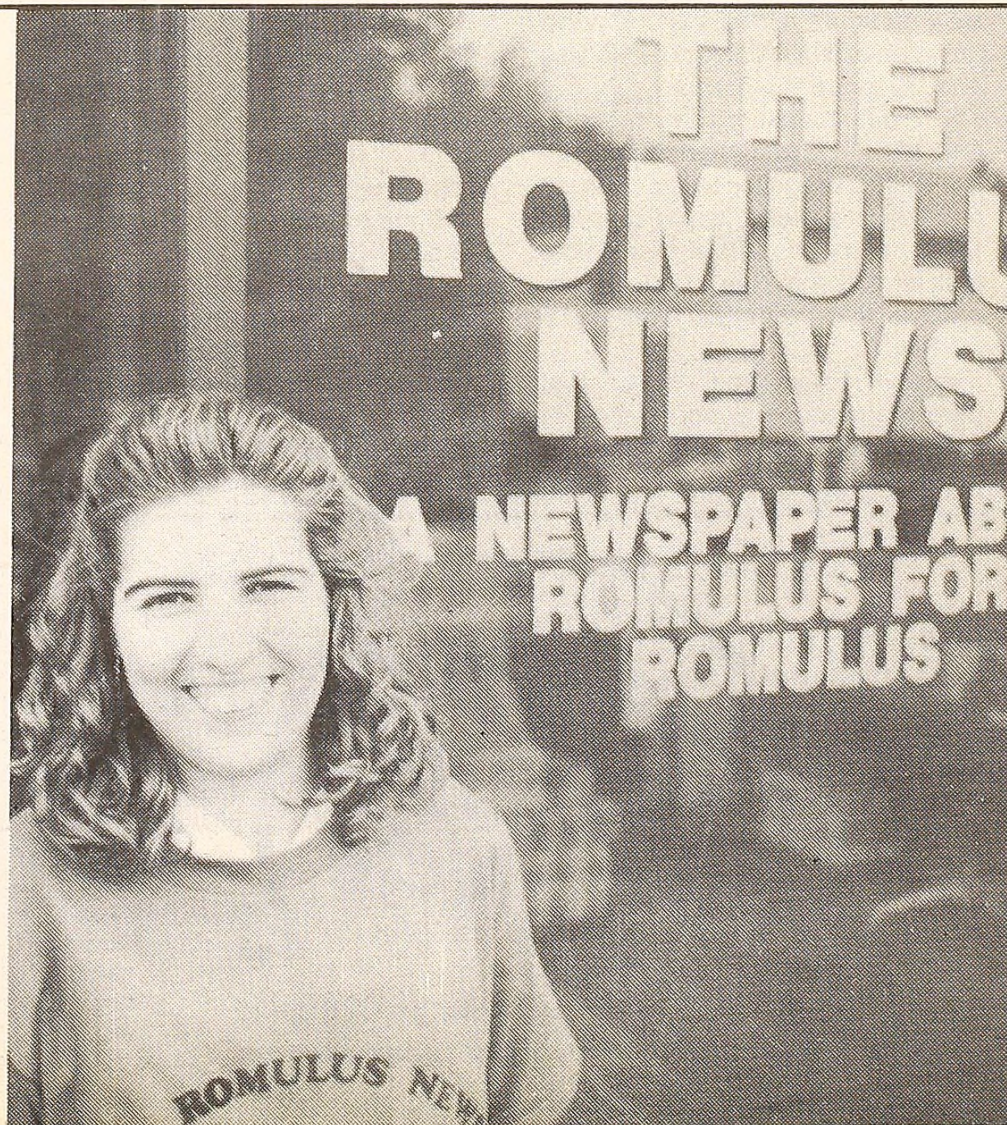
mer vacation in Romulus with Sam and Joyce Frazier of Julie Drive, and I am enjoying getting acquainted with my American brothers and sister: Scott, Mark, Michelle, Shawn, and Brian.

The Frazier family is making my stay in America very pleasant and lots of fun, and so are all of their friends like Bill, Scott, Matt, Vincent, Richard, Mike, David, Wendy, Annette, Debbie, and Shannon.

I am enjoying visiting many interesting places, such as Detroit, Fort Wayne, Canada, and the Wyandotte Fair. I enjoyed most attending the concerts at Willow Park.

I am going to write another article for *The Romulus News* telling about my impressions of America.

People here are wonderful. America is just how I had imagined it, and I really would like to come back. □



NATIONALS

tact Fred Coleman at 941-1426. "It costs about \$700 per player for the complete summer," said Coleman, "and our sponsor, Taylor Sportsbench, gives up some of that cost. The rest we try to obtain from individuals or businesses as a tax write-off. If there are any softball fans who would like to contribute to one of these young ladies for their time and efforts, please contact me. A list of contributors will be placed in local newspapers if contributions are received," he concluded. □

EDITOR'S OPINION

Executive Summary

The Testing Committee recommends that the Romulus Community Schools adopt minimum competency tests as a high school graduation requirement. The recommendations in this report are contingent upon financial support for this program and for associated remediation programs by the district.

Specifically, the Testing Committee recommends the following:

1. The district should implement a minimum competency testing program as a requirement for high school graduation for all students following the district's regular education curriculum. The pilot subject area for this program should be mathematics.
2. The district's mathematics competency testing program should be reviewed regularly and, if the program yields positive results, should be expanded to other subject areas.
3. The district's mathematics competency test (CT) should be developed by a commercial testing company, using an existing bank of objectives and validated test items.
4. The skills measured on the test should be "the minimum mathematics skills necessary to function effectively in society." Identification of these minimum skills should be the task of a committee of educators, parents and community representatives.
5. The skills measured on the test must correspond directly to skills taught in the district's mathematics curriculum.

6. The district should revise its high school graduation requirements to require passing scores on the mathematics CT.
7. Individuals denied a diploma because of an inability to pass the test should be able to re-take the test during any scheduled administration of the measure. These individuals should receive a high school diploma upon passing the test.
8. The district should examine the possibility of using its mathematics CT as an alternative to a three-year mathematics requirement for non-college-bound students.

In addition, the Testing Committee recommends the following procedures be adopted to develop and implement the minimum competency testing program in mathematics:

1. The district should form a Mathematics Competency Testing Committee (MCTC). This committee would be responsible for (a) identifying the minimum skills that should be required for high school graduation, and (b) working with a testing company to develop a test that measures those skills.
2. Students attending high school should have the opportunity to take the mathematics CT at least once each year until they pass the test.
3. At the discretion of the mathematics teachers and counselors, students who do not pass the CT in the ninth grade will be required to take a special remedial mathematics course in grade 10. Students not passing the test by the end of the tenth grade will be required to take special remedial mathematics courses until they pass the test. These courses should be limited to enrollments of no more than 20 students per class.
4. The courts have issued some rulings that will have an impact on the district's adoption of minimum competency tests. The Testing Committee makes the following recommendations to address legal issues related to the CT program:

Prior Notice: While the district will start administering the test in the Spring of 1989, the district should wait until at least June 1993 before making the test a graduation requirement. The Committee report describes steps that insure parents and

students receive adequate notice prior to the implementation of the test requirement.

Due Process: The test should be administered annually so that students have an adequate number of opportunities to take the test. Twelfth graders who have not passed the test should also be able to take an oral administration of the test. Parents of all children who do not pass the test should be (a) notified of their child's performance, and (b) reminded that their child must pass the test to graduate from high school. Parents of the twelfth graders who have not passed the test should also be notified of the appeals procedure.

Appeals Procedure: The district should establish an Appeals Board to hear all appeals. The Appeals Board should consist of a secondary school teacher from the appropriate curricular area, a representative of the central administration, a community representative appointed by the Board of Education, and non-voting curricular specialists as necessary. The first Appeals Board should propose district policies and guidelines for appeals. Those policies and guidelines must protect the integrity of this process while insuring the rights of the individual student.

5. The district's lawyers should examine the proposal for a minimum competency test as a high school requirement. The district should be prepared for legal challenges to this policy.

Proposed Time-Line

The Testing Committee recommends that the tests be developed during the 1988-89 school year and the tests be administered starting in the Spring of 1989. The first year, the test should be administered to all ninth and tenth grade students in a trial program. In succeeding years, the test should be administered to all ninth grade students and to others who have not passed the test. Passing the test would become a district requirement for students in eighth grade during 1988-89. Those students will take the test for the first time at the end of ninth grade in the Spring of 1990. □

LETTER

tence and preceded the automobile industry. This normally does resolve down to Federal or state funds being available for grade crossing protection of approximately 87%. You misinterpreted my statements in regard to this particular item to cover all projects on CSX Transportation. Again, I wish to emphasize to you very strongly that CSX Transportation is a Corporation that receives no financial assistance from any Federal Government and we, like every other industry in the United States, must develop our own capital for improvements to our property. The railroad transportation industry is the only transportation industry today that is not subsidized by the Federal Government. I particularly point out the subsidies that the trucking industry, the air line industry, and the barge line industries are now receiving in regard to public transportation.

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Romulus Video To Give Away Films To Customers

by D. A. Atkins

Ron Brugger, in his constant quest to please his customers, has said he will give away at least 10 films to registered members of Romulus Video each month.

Brugger, well known in Romulus for being a person who believes in helping his customers, has said he would rather give films to some of his customers than to use other advertising methods that would cost him just about as much money, anyway.

"At least some of my customers can enjoy an immediate benefit from belonging to our video club," said Brugger. "It is not many who are willing to give away anything, but I feel I have the best customers anywhere in Michigan. They have helped me since I opened my video shop, and now I think it is time I do something for them."

Brugger will give away five films every two weeks, and they will not be dead-issue films, or films that no one wanted to see anyway. Most of them will be number-one rated movies that have been rented previously; some will be new, still sealed in the box. At any rate, most of them will have a value of somewhere between \$56 and \$80.

When I asked Brugger how the give-

away would work, he said, "We will have an entry blank in each issue of the paper for our registered members to fill out. The entries will be deposited in a box in the store, and we will draw ten names from the box each month. After the winners are announced, we will call them into the store to have their pictures taken. These pictures will be placed in our ad in the paper so that people can see we are legitimate in what we are doing."

Of course, there is method behind Brugger's madness. He is a very good businessman, as he has proven in the last several years he has been in Romulus.

The only things you must do to qualify are be a member in good standing and rent two films at the time you enter the contest. Brugger said that, in order to give all of his customers a chance to win a movie, each member can only be a winner once. He would like for every member to be a winner, eventually.

It is a very good promotional idea — one that has not been done around here — and should be both successful for Brugger and beneficial to his many customers. □

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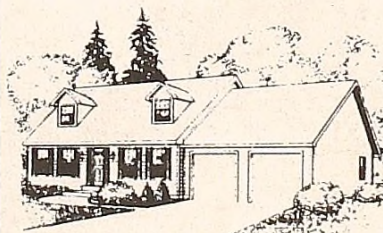
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St. Paul's Lutheran Church, New Boston, is going to have an old-fashioned farm and home auction on Saturday, August 13, and everyone is searching their barns, attics, and closets for items of value. "We are very excited about this event and think it might become as traditional as our sauerkraut supper," says auction spokesperson Bob Taepke.

Fliers are being distributed throughout Southeast Michigan. According to

auctioneer Rollo Juckette, thousands of people are apt to attend an auction with this kind of publicity and the large number of items being donated. An example is a one-week vacation break for two at a luxury resort hotel, including first-class air travel.

It will be an all-day affair, with the auction getting underway at 10 a.m. All proceeds will go to St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Food and soft drinks will be available throughout the day, so plan to come and be a part of this event. See the Classifieds on page 15 for details on donating or consigning items for auction. □

Flowers by Seniors

by D. A. Atkins

Every year, at just about this time, there is a judging of the beauty in Romulus. Not the judging of a beautiful baby, or anything like that; rather, the judging of the beautiful flowers at the Romulus Towers.

If you take a ride down Bibbins to the corner of Shook, you will find this very attractive apartment building for senior citizens. The grounds are kept absolutely immaculately, the building is one-of-a-kind in this area, and the balconies are arrayed with wonders that Man alone cannot create.

Flowers. Flowers are things that almost everyone loves, particularly our seniors. You can easily tell they love them by the ways in which the various blossoms are arranged and displayed. The meticulous care that is given to the flowers could only be done by someone who really loves them and has the time to care for them.

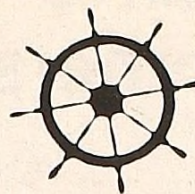
Mae Stafford, Margaret and Bert Gilbert, Helen Zwaleski, and Ivah Niemi are prime examples of people who dearly love these blooming glories from God, and they all know how to care for them. That's why these four were the winners of the annual Romulus Towers Flower Contest.

The judges were Mayor McAnally, Dave Walker, Betsey Brown, Jim Dugan, Steve Banko, and Daryl Jamieson. Trying to decide which four contest participants had the best arrangements was not easy; in fact, they say it gets harder every year, as more and more seniors compete.

Our congratulations to the four winners for this year, but look out — a little bird told me you had better work harder next year. □



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DPW Cleans Up Downtown

by D. A. Atkins

As you can see by the accompanying pictures, employees of the Department of Public Works (DPW) did a good job when they cleaned up the Downtown Area with brooms and shovels on Thursday, July 21. There was enough trash in a two-block area to fill a pickup truck and keep about six men very busy. The job was so big that the men could not complete the work in one day, so they returned the next day to finish it.

As I wrote in a recent article, it was the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) that proposed to clean up the Downtown Area on June 25; in that same story, I reported that few showed

up to do anything except the kids from St. Aloysius.

It seems to me that, if the DDA is supposed to oversee the condition of the Downtown Area, then the members of that group should do their job instead of putting their responsibility on the Administration.

DPW Director Jim Panos seemed upset that the Downtown businessmen haven't taken care of the 'flowerpots' in front of their stores. It was explained to him that the owners didn't want the flowerpots in town to begin with, and were not going to take care of them. After all, those same flowerpots cost the businessmen in this town approximately 10 to 12 parking spaces that their customers could have used. They do seem pleased, for the most part, with the Downtown lighting, but then that doesn't take away parking spots.

Anyway, the DPW cleaned out the flowerpots and lined them with rock so the weeds would not grow so readily from now on.

Now if someone would just remove those 'flowerpots,' we would gain a few more parking spaces that are sorely needed.

By the way, the Downtown Area does look better since it was swept and cleaned. Now if the owners of the businesses Downtown would just keep it that way, it would always look good.

Once again, if the DDA cannot do the job it is supposed to do, then the Mayor should dismiss every member and get people who are, in fact, interested in the development of our Downtown Area to replace them. There must be a few people who are not afraid to make decisions that may not be popular, but where are they? We certainly do not have them on the DDA now. □



Tidbits

by D. A. Atkins

According to Dave Paul, the head of the Building Department, Dr. Villiman is about to begin construction of a new office building here in the City. The new building will be erected on Wayne Road near the site of her old office in the Wayneport shopping strip.

It is believed that there will be enough offices in her building to allow other businesses to rent space there, also, although she was not available for comment to confirm the story.

Also doing new construction and building improvement is the Rainbow Label Company. From all outward appearances, they are doing a major face-lift on the building, which is located on Wayne Road near Northline.

Rainbow Label has been in the same location for several years, and is a valuable resource for many compa-

nies, both in and out of Romulus. They print just about any type of label you could want for almost any job you have.

Another improvement in town is the A-1 Auto Care service station, which is located in Downtown Romulus where the old cab stand used to be.

There have been many businesses at that particular location, but these boys seem to be interested in making a success of it. They do all kinds of auto repair and some air-conditioning repair as well. They do not, however, get involved in much electrical work.

Header Products on Wayne Road is doing a lot of work on its grounds, laying down new sod and driveways. Of course, I have always felt that the Management at Header takes pride in the building and in the community. The property looks exceptionally nice, and we at *The Romulus News* thank Header for doing such a great job.

At its last meeting, the Planning Commission tabled a petition submitted by Wendell Flynn. It is rumored that Mr. Flynn wants to build an office complex (that has not been confirmed), and the Planning Commission has a problem with that because of where the main road would have to be located. In the proposed location, if there was a plane crash or a fuel-tank explosion, there would be no way for workers to escape, except across the railroad tracks that border the property. □

Obituary

Dorine Dee Krug

Dorine Dee Krug, a 38-year-old resident of Romulus, died July 23, 1988.

Dorine, the dear mother of Stacy Rae Krug and daughter of Roy and the late Dorothea (Yake) Dunn, is also survived by brother Douglas Dunn and sister Darlene Brown, both of Belleville.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, July 26, at Crane Funeral Home, with the Rev. Marvin Hawbaker, Calvary Baptist Church—Romulus, officiating. Interment was in Romulus Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home, 36885 Goddard Road, Romulus. (Note: memorials to daughter Stacy Krug.) □

A Reminder

The Romulus Arts Council still has spaces left for anyone interested in participating in the 5th Annual Arts & Crafts Fair, which will be held Saturday, September 17, on the grassy area around the Romulus Public Library.

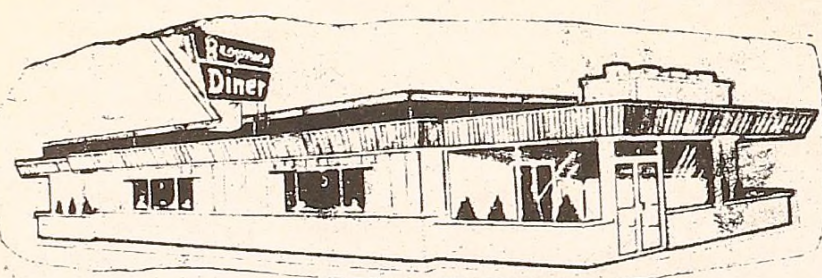
Reasonable spaces are \$10. For an application, call Gloria Chandler at 941-2678. □

Congratulations

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A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR CLASS

by Mary Clark

Thanks go to Barbara Schultz for the following information from the Romulus Senior Center.

Don't forget to come by the Center on Monday, August 1. This is the day the sign-up sheets for the day trips in August will come out. Two day trips during the first week in August will go to the Monroe Fair on August 3 and to Southland Shopping Center on August 5. The only cost to seniors is \$1.50 for transportation. Remember to bring money for lunch and shopping.

On August 1, nurses from Annapolis Hospital will be at the Center to take blood-pressure readings for all seniors who wish to come in. This service is available from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

The hot-lunch program will be in service throughout the summer. Call Pat for more information.

There are some empty seats on the tour bus going to Grand Ledge, MI, on August 18. Come spend the day with other seniors shopping, riding the famous Chesaning Showboat, and dining at "Clara's," a turn-of-the-century Michigan Central Railroad station that is now a delightful restaurant. There will also be a tour of the historical St. Katherine's Church in Williamston and a stop at an antique store and farm market. The complete cost of the trip is only \$34.50. Stop in and see Marilyn or call 942-6852. □

News From The Rec Center

Tiger Tickets Available

The Romulus Recreation Department has a limited number of upper reserved Bargain Day tickets available for the August 6 game against the Boston Red Sox.

These tickets, which are normally priced at \$8, can be purchased for only \$4.50 from the Recreation Department. For further information, call 942-6852.

Romulus Recreation Junior Olympics Results

Congratulations to the following winners in the Romulus Recreation Junior Olympics, which were held on Monday, July 11, at North Junior High. The first-place winners will represent the City of Romulus on July 28 at Belle Isle.

(Note: Class C is for 9- and 10-year-old children, Class B is for children who are 11 and 12, and Class A is for those who are 13 and 14 years of age.)

Running Long Jump — Girls Class C

1. Amanda Denton (7'11")

Running Long Jump — Boys Class C

1. Jim Cox (10'10")
2. William Smith (8'11")
3. Adam Troia (8'10")

Running Long Jump — Boys Class B

1. Jamal McCain (11'2")
2. Jamil Welton (8'8")

Running Long Jump — Boys Class A

1. Tyzedd Bowles (14'5")
2. Abdul Hubbard (14'4")
3. Josea O'Day (13'1")

Standing Long Jump — Boys Class A

1. Eddie Hubbard (7'7")
2. Jerome Wafer

Chinning — Boys Class C

1. Brian Morgan (5)
2. Jason Evitts (3)
Joseph O'Day (3)

Chinning — Boys Class B

1. Andy Burelle (7)
2. Jerome Wafer (3)

Chinning — Boys Class A

1. Burton Keller (10)
2. Jose O'Day (9)
3. Joel Elam (6)

50-Yard Dash — Girls Class C

1. Julie Golden (8.42 sec.)
2. Amina Nelson (8.69 sec.)
3. Mika Redman

50-Yard Dash — Boys Class C

1. Robert Gerner (8.13 sec.)
2. Maurice Franklin (8.25 sec.)
3. Lou Clark

60-Yard Dash — Girls Class B

1. Ebony Mosley (8.77 sec.)
2. Cherry Meyers (9.25 sec.)
3. Cathryn Cain (9.58 sec.)

60-Yard Dash — Boys Class C

1. LuJuan Wilson (8.33 sec.)
2. Dimetrius Swanigan (9.21 sec.)
3. Chris Reed (9.46 sec.)

75-Yard Dash — Girls Class B

1. Naomi Tenille (12.21 sec.)
2. Jackie Froust (13.73 sec.)

75-Yard Dash — Boys Class A

1. Eric Brantley (9.53 sec.)
2. Abdul Hubbard (9.66 sec.)
3. Phillip Franklin

Agility Run — Girls Class C

1. Michelle Todd (35.87 sec.)

Agility Run — Girls Class A

1. Tifaney Lee (34.50 sec.)

Agility Run — Boys Class C

1. Matt Hartman (29.19 sec.)
2. Reggis Brantley (32.87 sec.)
3. Adam Troia (33.06 sec.)

Agility Run — Boys Class B

1. Brian Frederick (28.72 sec.)
2. Bill Ellison (29.60 sec.)
3. Randy Foster (30.28 sec.)

Agility Run — Boys Class A

1. Marreo Nelson (30.94 sec.)

Softball Throw — Girls Class D

1. Latanya Pankey (113')
2. Jennifer Kusibab (111')

Softball Throw — Girls Class A

1. Mary Smith (47'10")

Softball Throw — Boys Class C

1. Tyrone Lipford (96')
2. Mike Hatfield (91'4")
3. Brian Morgan (75')

Softball Throw — Boys Class B

1. Brian Painter (95'1")
2. Dennis Maine (92'9")

Softball Throw — Boys Class A

1. Chuck Cox (171')
2. Brian Helka (167')
3. Cournelius Courtland (165'6")

Shuttle Relays — Class C

Team 1 (40.80 sec.)

Amina Nelson
Kenitra Parks
Curtis Swanigan
Alan Brown

Team 2 (36.33 sec.)

Luke Clark
Lenard Stewart
Jennifer Kelly
Mika Redmond

Shuttle Relays — Class B

Team 1 (35.0 sec.)

Cathryn Cain
Melissa Jackson
Bill Ellison
Dimetrius Swanigan

Team 2 (37.19 sec.)

Tony Hardeman
Chris Reed
Jessica Marz
Kizzy Davis

Shuttle Relays — Class A

Team 1 (32.8 sec.)

Andre Brown
Jackie Froust
Abdul Hubbard
Phillip Franklin

Youth Softball Standings (as of July 25)

— Majors Division

Team	Wins	Losses
High Voltage	6	1
Wolverines	4	3
Hornets	2	4
Eagles	0	6

Youth Softball Standings (as of July 25)

— Seniors Division

Team	Wins	Losses
Silver Streaks	8	1
Romulus Rockers	5	5
Mean Machine	1	8

Comprehensive Course for Bowhunters

A Comprehensive Course for Bowhunters will be offered to kids and adults of all ages by the International Bowhunter Education Program and the Romulus Recreation Department. The cost of the one-day session, which will be held on Saturday, August 6, or Saturday, August 27, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Elmer Johnson Archery Range, is only \$1. (In case of rain, the class will be held at the Recreation Building.)

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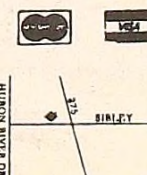
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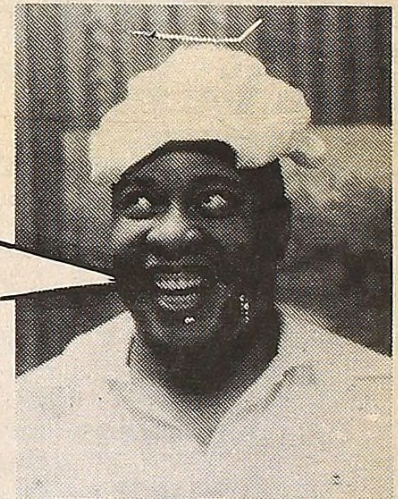
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